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To Water Quality Technical Group Participants:

Thank you for attending and participating in the December 3, 1997, meeting of the Water Quality Technical Group. Please find attached a copy of the minutes from the Water Quality Technical Group meeting as well as the minutes from the Parameter Assessment Team meeting and the Water Quality Targets (Bromide and TOC) Session which were also held on December 3, 1997.

WATER QUALITY TECHNICAL GROUP MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Water Quality Technical Group is as follows:

**Water Quality Technical Group Meeting
February 25, 1998
Energy Commission Building
Hearing Room A
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California**

A meeting agenda will be sent in advance of the next meeting.

THREE ALTERNATIVES DESCRIPTION

Rick Woodard gave some background on his activities in developing the CALFED Preferred Alternative and provided handouts describing those alternatives; copies of which are attached hereto.

DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Draft Implementation Plan Outline was provided in the meeting handouts and is included in this mailing. The Implementation Plan will identify the actions to be implemented and develop a mechanism to prioritize actions. Comments of the Water Quality Technical Group regarding the Draft Implementation Plan Outline are strongly encouraged. We expect the Implementation Plan to be drafted during Phase II and released by the end of the year. Any comments you can provide will help us get a head start on drafting the Implementation Plan.

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

STATUS OF THE CATEGORY III PROJECT PROPOSALS

Kate Hansel was unable to present during the Water Quality Technical Group due to a request that she participate in providing information to the Governor regarding Category III Project Proposals. In lieu of her presentation, the following update on Category III Project Proposals is included for your information.

The results of the 1997 Category III RFP Process have been announced by the Governor and Department of Interior. Fifty proposals representing approximately \$60M have been selected for funding. In addition, some of the 1997 proposals are being evaluated for possible funding from remaining federal dollars. These proposals may be funded as proposed or with some modifications. All applicants will receive letters explaining the status of their proposals.

During the 1997 proposal review process, it was noticed that several areas were not addressed by the proposals. These gaps may be filled by directed programs or focused grant solicitation in the 1998 RFP process. Funding of additional proposals or the development of a focused grant solicitation will be announced in January/February 1998. All 1997 applicants will receive a copy of the announcement for the 1998 RFP process. Contact Bob Malinowski at CALFED to add your name to the mailing list.

PARAMETER ASSESSMENT TEAM

The Parameter Assessment Team is an advisory body made up of individuals with varying perspectives and technical expertise that provide recommendations regarding parameters of concern to the Water Quality Technical Group. The Parameter Assessment Team met on December 3 to discuss requests for additions and deletions to the parameters of concern list. Recommendations the Parameter Assessment Team made to the Water Quality Technical Group are included within the Meeting Minutes. The next Parameter Assessment Team meeting is tentatively scheduled for late-January. We appreciate the Parameter Assessment Team's valuable input and effort.

WATER QUALITY TARGET (BROMIDE AND TOC) SESSION

Members of urban water agencies and USEPA met on December 3 to discuss target levels for bromide and TOC. The Water Quality Component Report included target levels for bromide and TOC of 50 $\mu\text{g/l}$ and 3 mg/l which had been recommended by the Parameter Assessment Team. USEPA recommended that target levels for bromide should range from 50 - 150 $\mu\text{g/l}$ to reflect regulatory uncertainty. As a result of the discussion, urban water agencies are going to further analyze different levels of treatment for different levels of a constituent and report their findings to CALFED in writing.

Attachments:

Category III Funding Recommendations - Fall 1997

Draft Implementation Outline

3 Alternatives Description

Minutes of Parameter Assessment Team meeting

Minutes of Water Quality Technical Group meeting

Minutes of Water Quality Target (Bromide and TOC) Session